NEW YORK HERRED SATURDAY, MARCH. IS, 1873-TRIPLE SHEET,

THE COURTS.

IMPORTANT QUESTION IN LIFE INSURANCE.

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Plea of Manslaughter Accepted from the Prisoner-Sentence of Four Years in State Prison.

THE PALMER-FOLEY INJUNCTION

Argument on Appeal from the Order Granting the Injunction-Same Old Story Gone Over Again and Decision Reserved.

A REMINISCENCE OF THE RING REGIME.

A Little Old Bill for Stationery Furnished the City-Effort to Mandamus the Comptroller and Compel Payment.

A rumor prevailed in the United States Courts yesterday that United States Marshal Sharpe is to be appointed to the office of Surveyor of this port, and that his place will be filled by his chief assistant, Mr. Fiske.

Peter Rehoe was committed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge Benedict, for dealing in counterfeit fifty cent currency stamps. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

There was a very interesting argument yesterday in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Fancher, growing out of suits brought on account of refusal by a Boston life insurance company to pay policies of life insurance obtained by the late amuel Laird, the well-known hotel proprietor, of Long Branch. He transferred the policies to his wife and daughter, and it was claimed that this vitiated them. It was also claimed that the proceeds should inure to the benefit of his creditors, he being insolvent, as alleged, at the time of his The argument of counsel, as well as the decision of the Judge, covering a new as well as interesting point in this specialty of litigation, will be found elsewhere in our law reports.

The trial of Charles Cordes for the murder of John Dann was brought to a sudden termination yesterday in the Court of Over and Terminer. In consequence, as would appear, of the thorough knowledge of prisoner's counsel of the medicolegal questions arising from the doubt as to the result of the incised wound inflicted, it was deemed advisable to accept a plea of manslaughter in the third degree, and Cordes' counsel thus succeeded in securing for his client the light punishment of four years in the State Prison for the commission of a crime which Judge Brady had characterized as

Nearly all the branches of the various State Courts adjourned from yesterday to next Tuesday in order to give due celebration to St. Patrick's Day. All the jurers summoned to appear on Monday are excused from attendance till Tuesday.

The case of Chamberlain Palmer against John Foley, upon the appeal from the order of Judge Barbour restraining the latter from exercising any of the duties of Deputy Chamberlain, was argued yesterday in the Superior Court, General Term. Precisely the same line of argument was pursued on both sides as upon the original application for the infunction. The Court reserved

Another memento of the old Ring regime was an application yesterday, before Judge Fancher, holding Supreme Court, Chambers, for a mandamus to compel the Comptroller to pay, interest and all, some \$150,000 for stationery furnished the city in 1869. It was shown that the appropriation for that The case went over to allow the Corporation Counsel to put in affidavits of alleged frauds in auditing

IMPORTANT LIFE INSURANCE QUESTION.

The Late Samuel Laird's Life Insurance Policies-Payment of the Same Refused and Appeal to the Courts to Enforce Payment-Interesting Legal Proceed ings and a Most Important Judicial

Thousands of frequenters of Long Branch during

the watering place season well remember the late Samuel Laird, at the time of his death proprietor of two of the principal hotels at this famous place of Summer resort. As is well known he died on the 19th of last August, leaving surviving him his widow and a daughter. In 1868 it appears that he obtained a policy of insurance on his life of \$10,000 in the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Boston. During the next year he pro cured a similar policy for a like amount from the same company. In January, 1872, he had interlineated in the policies "for the benefit of his daughter, Ann M. Laird, and his wife, Julia F. Laird." After his death the company refused to pay the amount of the policies, and the result was a suit to enforce payment. result was a suit to enforce payment. Meantime, to allow the suit to be prosecuted here, Messrs. Harrison E. Gawtrey and Charles A. Soper, the latter the father of Mrs. Laird, were made assignees of the beneficiaries of their claims under the policies. A party to this suit was Mr. Charles A. Bennett, administrator de bonus non of Mr. Laird, Growing out of the transaction there were, or, rather, are, in fact, two suits, one brought by Mr. Bennett, as administrator of Mr. Laird, against Harrison E. Giwtrey, Ann M. Laird and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the other by the same plaintiff against Charles A. Soper, Julia F. Laird and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

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The answer by the insurance company to the complaint claims simply that the policies were forfeited, on account of the alleged transfers. This defence was regarded as untenable by Mr. G. W. Cotterill, counsel for the beneficiaries under the same, and he moved the case on the short calendar, and thereupon the phintiff brought the presents surface company and respective assignees of the beneficiaries. In February last an injunction was obtained from Judge Barrett, restraining Messrs. Gawtrey and Soper, as such assignees, from prosecuting said actions, and claiming on behalf of the plaintiff, as administrator, that he was entitled to the proceeds of the poncies, on the ground that in January, 1872, waen the policies were transferred by Mr. Laird to his while and daughter, he was insolvent, therefore that the proceeds should enure to the benefit of his creditors. Of course, in the natural course of events, as order was granted to show cause way the injunction should not be made permanent. Yesterday was the return day for this order.

The case, as will be seen, is one involving very nice questions of inw, to say nothing of practice. On the case being called vesterday, before Judge Fancher, at Supreme Court, Chambers, there was quite a formidable array of counsel present representing the various conficting interests. Mr. G. W. Ceiterill appeared for the beneficiaries under the policies in eposition to the motion to continue the injunction. Julian T. Davis for the administrator and District Autorney Pheips for the insurance company. Mr. Davis made but a brief argument, claiming simply that Mr. Laird was misoivent, and that for this resson the creditors were clearly entitled to the presected of the policies.

Mr. Cotterill indulged in a most claborate and, as the result proved, a most conclusive argument in opposition to the motion to continue the innece

ing that Messrs. Gawtrey and Soper, the a of the policies, were solvent, the only re-any, was to sue them for a recovery of the

surance company as stakeholders, and that he stood indifferent between the parties; but that the company claimed in their answer that the policies under the laws of Massachusetts being payable to the executors, administrators or assigns, that the executors must sue and that the assignees could not bring an action.

After some jurther argument the Judge delivered an oral opinion on the matter. He stated that he had had occasion to study the question of ille insurance, and that he was clearly of the opinion that the plaintiff, in any aspect of the case, could not recover more than the premiums advanced; and, further, that it did not appear that Mr. Laird was insovent at the time of the transfer of the policies. He stated, in addition, that the contract of insurance companies was made with the assurance companies was made with the assurance to the could it be made payable to him; that it was no therefore his property; that it was no part of his estate, and that the policies having been publicly transferred, the assignees must necessarily recover. As to the point raised by Mr. Pheips, he held that under the practice prevailing in this State the action was well brought against the insurance company; that the assignees were proper parties to sue, and that the proceeds of the policies could inure to the beneficiaries even were Mr. Laird insolvent at the time of death. He therefore denied the motion to continue the injunction, but dissolved the same.

THE CORDES-DANN HOMICIDE.

Sudden Termination of the Trial-A Plea of Manslaughter in the Third Degree Made by the Prisoner-The Sentence of

The session of the Court of Over and Terminer yesterday-Judge Brady on the bench-was unexpectedly brief, and in this regard, no doubt, a source of disappointment to numbers of the large crowd present who have a singular weakness for

frequenting criminal trials.

THE TRIAL BROUGHT TO A SUPPEN CLOSE. Immediately after the opening of the Court Mr. William F. Howe, counsel for Charles Cordes, whose trial for the alleged murder of John Dann and occupied its attention the two previous days, rose and addressed the Court. Since the adjournment on the hight before he had arranged, he said, with Assistant District Attorney Russell, who had conducted the prosecution in the case, to enter for the prisoner a plea of manslaughter in the third degree. He knew very well that this was as high a degree of criminality as the jury could possibly find from the cycletoce already before them, but to save time and trouble he had advised his client to enter this regard. He desired merely to sail a few witnesses to testify to the previous good character of the accused, who then would throw humself on the mercy of the Court.

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After several witnesses, called by Mr. Howe, had given their evidence as to his former good character and habits of steady industry, Mr. Russell stated that he had consulted with the District Attorney in regard to accepting a piea of manslaughter in the third degree, and it was agreed to take this course. The testimony for the prosecution might, he added, possibly warrant the jury to bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree, but he hardly believed, after considering all the circumstances in the case, they would do so.

Neither of the opposing counse having anything further to say the prisoner was called upon to stand up and receive the sentence of the Court. On being asked if he had anything to say in his own behalf he only replied, "I was intoxicated and did not know what I was doing." In passing sentence Judge Brady remarked that there was no doubt of his intoxicated condition when he struck Dann the blow with the knife, but that was no reason why he should not suffer the severest penalty attached to his crime. Knives and pistols were nowadays too readily and recklessly used, and a check must be put to the sacrifice of life growing out of such use. He then sentenced Cordes to four years in the State Prison, the july penalty of manslaughter in the third degree.

THE DEPUTY CHAMBERLAINSHIP.

Another Argument in the Palmer-Foley

Injunction Case-Decision Reserved. A considerable time of the Superior Court, General Term, was occupied yesterday in hearing the argument on the appeal from the decision of Judge Barbour, granting Francis A. Palmer, City Chamberlain, a temperary injunction restraining John Foley from attempting to assume the duties of Deputy Chamberlain, pursuant to his appoint-

of Deputy Chamberiain, pursuant to his appointment by the Comptroller. The line of argument on both sides was precisely the same as at the prelimmary hearing at Special Term.

Mr. Anthony & Dyett, counsel for Mr. Poley, claimed that the Court had no jurisdiction or authority to grant an injunction. The question, being one of title to office, was one to be decided, he insisted, upon a quo vearvanto proceeding. There was, he urged, no equity in the complaint. As Mr. Foley and his sureties were solvent, and the appointment made by the Comptroller, Mr. Palmer, he contended, could suffer no injury through the acts of Mr. Foley. He discussed at length the power of appointment of Deputy Chamberlain as vested under the charter of 1870 in the Comptroller. He strenuously insisted that Judge Barbour's order should be set aside and Mr. Foley allowed to enter upon the duties of the office to which he had been legally appointed.

Ex-Judge Edmonds, on behalf of the Chamberlain, claimed that the law of 1866 relative to the appointment of a Deputy Chamberlain was still in force, and that the same had not since been repealed. He urged, further, that it was the intention of the Legislature that the office of Chamberlain should be entirely independent of the Comptroller.

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After hearing the arguments the Court took the papers, reserving its decision.

OLD STATIONERY BILLS.

Charge of Fraudulent Audit-How in the Flush Ring Times Expenditures Exceeded Appropriations.

There appears to be no end to the amount of oid claims against the city. Among the formidable list are a claim of T. N. Roe for \$118,000 and another of Alvin Lockwood for \$2,000, for stationery. These claims are for 1869, and to secure their payment, or rather in the endeavor to accomplish this de sired result, application was made yesterday before Judge Fancher, holding Supreme Court, Chambers, for a peremptory writ of mandamus against the Comptroller directing him to pay the

against the Comptroller directing him to pay the same.

Mr. Andrews, Assistant Corporation Counsel, asked an adjournment of the case in order to submit affidavits, showing that the pretended audit of these claims was a raud. His intimation was that in the dush "Ring" times there was perfect recklesness in the matter of allowing expenditures to exceed appropriations. For instance, the appropriation, he said, in the tax levy of 1800 for stationery was \$60,000, while the two bills in question, alone, were double this amount. It was clear, he misisted, that the floard of Supervisors in auditing these claims acted beyond their power and without warrant of law.

Mr. Strahan, who appeared on behalf of the claimants, insisted that this was merely a technical objection and should have no weight with the Court. He urged that under the old system of accumulated deet bends provision had been made for the payment of these claims.

Judge Fancher said that the question of alleged fraudulent audit was an important one, and he therefore ordered an adjournment of the argument till the third Monday of the month.

BUSINESS IN THE OTHER COURTS.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT. Criminal Trials.

Judge Benedict sat in the United States Circuit Court yesterday and proceeded with the trial of

criminal cases. Richard Brandon, alias "Limpy Dick," who had been indicted for stealing a quantity of mail bags

been indicted for stealing a quantity of mail bags from the Post Office, pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence.

In the case of W. J. Elliott, who had been indicted for receiving a quantity of United States mail bags, knowing them to have been stolen, Mr. Purdy, United States Assistant District Attorney, stated to the Court that he entertained doubts as to the guilt of the accused, and the matter went over for further consideration. It seems to be admitted that Mr. Elliott came into possession of the bags in the regular course of his trade, and was not aware that they had been stolen from the government.

Charge of Dealing in Counterfeit Money. Peter Kehoe was indicted and put upon his trial for dealing in fifty cent counterfeit currency stamps. These stamps are known as the "Greeley" fifty cent counterfelts. The evidence for the prosecution was of the usual character-a detecprosecution was of the usual character—a detec-tive getting into the confidence of Kehoe, as a dealer of this counterfeit stuff, and then handing him over to the officers of the law. Mr. Purdy, in opening the case to the jury, remarked that the stamps in question were not an entire counterfeit of the genuine fifty cent currency; they were some-what different, and he supposed this was done so that it might be argued that the stamp was not a counterfeit of any government money. But it was well calculated to deceive and impose upon

the public.

Mr. Charles S. Spencer and Robert N. Waite defended the accused, and, after the Court had heard their arguments, the jury found a verdict of guilty. Remanded for senter to it transpired in the progress of this trial that counterfeiters have a practice of soaking bogus bills in coffee and running hot froms over them, for the purpose of giving them a greating appearance.

the premiums advanced.

Mr. Phelps stated that he represented the in-

by a cierical error, misdated, so as to make the return day mere than twelve days after the date on the summons. The deiendant appeared and objected. The Court on motion of plantin, amended the summons. The defendant then offered a removal toond to remove the case to the Common Pleas. Judge Fowier rejected it for insufficiency of sureties, and proceeded to try the case. In his return he did not give the evidence on which he rejected the sureties. On the appeal Chief Justice Daly, giving an oral opinion, stated that no amendment of a summons could be made so as to bring defendant into Court when he objected at the proper time. He further heid that the District Justice, in rejecting a surety, was exercising a judicial discretion subject to review, and was bound to return the evidence on which he acted. A return, such as made by Justice Fowler, that he could not find it, was not proper. After hearing the argument the Court took the papers, reserving its decision.

MARINE COURT-PART 2.

Action on Contract-Conflict of Testimony. Before Judge Curtis.

John W. Kaupper et al. vs. George H. Rauch .-The piaintiffs, who are wholesale flour merchants, sold and delivered to the defendant, who is a baker, twenty-five barrels of mixed flour, for \$225, on the 6th day of January, 1872, which the defend-ant dented he ever received. The plaintiffs proved their case, showing the sale and delivery of the flour, and the subsequent refusal of the defendant to pay. The defendant attempted to prove that he never received the flour, but his defence was so weak that the jury promptly rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount, with interest. George F. and J. c. Julius Langbein for plaintiffs; Jacob A. Gross for defendant. on the 6th day of January, 1872, which the defend-

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

An Outrage Upon a Little Girl-The Five Years. Before Judge Sutherland.

Several hours were spent yesterday in this Court in the trial of an indictment against a youth, fif-teen years of age, named August Keppler, who on of Emily Ida Cherry, a little girl, ten years old

son of Emily Ida Cherry, a little girl, ten years old, in January last. The child gave a very intelligent narrative of the outrage which Keppler perpetrated upon her, and, although uncorroborated, the jury believed the story.

Mr. Howe alloged that this was a conspiracy, instigated by the father of the girl, who admitted that he was a dealer in "policies."

A verdict of guilty was rendered, and the City Judge scategaced Keppler to the State Prison for five years.

A Shooting Case.

Thomas Collins was tried upon a charge of shooting James O'Brien with a pistol, a short time ago, in Madison street. The complainant and an acquantance named wedon swore that the prisoner approached them saying, "Now, o'Brien, I have got you and I will give you all you want," and fred a revolver three times, one of the shots ledging in the complainant's cheek. O'Brien admitted that he had served a term in the Penitentiary for felonious assault. tollins claimed that O'Brien had threatened his life and that he fired his pistol in self-defence. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of an assault with a dangerous weapon. He was sent to the State Prison for three years and six months.

Burgiaries and Larcenies. John Kenney, indicted for burgiariously entering the clothing store of Joseph Sylwere, 52 East Houston street, and stealing \$31 worth of property,

pleased guilty to an attempt to commit the of-fence. He was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months.

Charles oslovne pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, the allegation being that on the 20th of February he stole 4 silver watch and gold chain, valued at \$50, the property of Joseph Tagle. Peter Reynolds, who, on the night of the 7th of the month, burglariously entered the premises of Johanna Tobin, No. 7 Entgers street, and stole \$37 worth of property, pleaded guilty to an attempt at burglary in the third degree. Osborne and Reynolds were each sent to the State Prison for two years.

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William Hanlon, who pleaded guilty on Thurs-William Hanton, who breaded guilty on Thurs-day to petit larcony from the person, was sen-tenced to the state Prison for four years.

Charles Harrison, who was jointly indicted with three young men for breaking into the lancy goods store of William D. Holmes, No. 295 Eighth avenue, on the 18th of January, picaded guity to an at-tempt at burglary. He was sent to the Peniten-

BROOKLYN COURTS.

UNI ED STATES CIRCUIT COURT. Question of the Validity of a Patent-An Important Decision Yesterday-Suit Against the City of Brooklyn. Before Judge Benedict.

This action, which has been before me on a

former occasion upon other pleadings and proofs, baving been reopened, now comes up for de-termination upon new pleadings and different proofs. It is an action to recover damages of the city of Brooklyn for using certain hose couplings which are claimed to be an infringement upon a which are claimed to be an infringement upon a certain patent for hose couplings originally issued to Robert B. Lawton and William H. Miss on the 22d day of February, 1509, ressued December 21, 1869, and now owned by the plaintiff. The object of the invention is stated in the original patent as follows:—"The object of this invention is to connect base together in such a manner that a swivel joint will be attained, and at the same time certain provision made for compensating for the wear attending such connection, so that the coupling may always be kept water tight by the mere act of attenting or connecting the parts together. The claim of the original patent is as follows:—"The two thinsties C, D, attached to the end of the host A B, the thindle C being provided with the shoulder b and cround seat of packing c, and the thindle D provided with the groove e, with inclined sides, and fitted within thindle C; the above parts being used in connection with the conical roller or rollers g, fitted in the server caps i, and the whole arranged to operate as and for the purposes set forth. In the reissne upon which this suit is based the object of the invention is clauded as follows:—"The object of this invention is to connect host together in such a manner as to secure a light joint and admit of their tering connected with greater heeling than was previously done." The claim of this reissie, which is the object of this controversy, is as follows:—"The connination of the two thinables, C and D, by means of a pin operating longitudinary through the outer thindle C, and against the liscilled side of the groove in the taimble D, so that the two thindles will be deced together by the inward movement of the pin, and be liberated by its outward movement sustaintially as decribed." It will be observed that the plea which pensating for the wear attending such connection, the outer thimble c, and against the inclined side of the groove in the thimble D, so that the two thimbles will be breed together by the inward movement of the pin, and be liberated by its outward movement substantially as described." It will be observed that the plea which is put touch in the one may parent as the new idea emocally as their described—namely, the formation of a love continuous three described as the new idea of their described—namely, the formation of a love continuous three described. The latter described is the results of the continuous transfer of the continuou

By direction of the Court the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

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Decisions.

By Judge Enncher.

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Ann Rulger vs. Rébert A. Williams.—Report of freieres confirmed and judgment foreclosure and saic series and saic series and subject of the series is worthless and the patent involved, and this defence appears and t result is attained. The introduction of the right in first time produced a combination which accomplished a very useful result. An added element which increases the efficiency of a combination, of itself effective, is of the nature of an improvement, but its use gives birth to the only patentable (because the first useful) combination. Notwithstandard the combination of t but its use gives birth to the only patentable (because the first useful) combination. Notwithstanding, then, the conceded fact that the combination which includes the lag with other elements which are described in the reissue of 1869 is useful, it is nevertheless necessary, in order to sustain the reissue, that it should appear that the device there described, which does not contain the lug, is of some utility. As before stated, the contrary here appears, and for this reason the patent must be deciared invalid. CITY COURT-TRIAL TERM.

Damages Against a Railroad Company.

George S. Earle, an elderly gentleman, sued the Grand Street, Prospect Park and Flatbush Railroad Company to recover \$3,000 damages for injuries received by being thrown from one of the com-pany's cars. He was getting on one of the cars in first street when the vehicle was suddenly started, and he was thrown to the street. The jury

COURT OF SESSIONS.

Arraignments and Sentences.

Before Judge Moore and Associates. The Grand Jury appeared in Court yesterday and presented a number of indictments. Several prisoners were then arraigned and the Court an-nounced the days of trial.

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Three colored men—Charles Wallace, Henry Joinson and John Wilson—pleaded guilty to grand larceny and were each sentenced to the Penitentiary for a year and six months.

George Price and John H. Williams plead guilty to burglary in the second degree, and Judge Mocre sent them each to the Penitentiary for four years and six months. sent them each t and six months.

COMMISSION OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, March 14, 1873.
The following is the calendar of the Commission of Appeals for March 15:—Nos. 83, 84, 85, 20, 86, 89, 99, 91, 102. The Court adjourned until ten A. M. to-morrow.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A YOUNG WOMAN

IN THIRD AVENUE.

Supposed Suicide-Nothing Known Concerning Her. Yesterday afternoon Coroner Kessler and his

deputy, Dr. Leo, were called to the Compton House, Twenty-lourth street and Third avenue, to hold an inquest over the remains of a very respectable-looking woman of some twenty eight years of age, who died there under somewhat mysmstances. About ten o'clock on have given her name as Miss Howard, applied for lodgings and was immediately shown to a small dark hall bedroom on the third floor (she having no baggage) and locked herself in. Not far from five o'clock vesterday morning James Murphy, one of the attaches of the house, in going down stairs heard some one coughing so terribly in the room occupied by the strange woman that his suspicions of something wrong were excited. Murphy stopped and listened till the spasmodic coughing ceased, after which he went down stairs, Shortly ceased, after which he went down stairs. Shortly before ten o'clock A. M. one of the chambermaids attempted to enter the foom, but, finding the door locked, raised the window in the rear of the room, the occupant of which she thought was dead. An examination which ensued proved that the chambermaid was correct. When the Coroner and his deputy entered the room they found the woman lying in bed with her clothes on and life quite extinct. She was about five feet two inches in height, light complexion, regular features, bue eyes and black hair. She wore a gray mixed popin dress, with leather braid on the bettom, quilted sik petitiont, underneath which was one of red flanner, black cloth jacket trimmed with gray beads; on a hook hung a very nice black sik velvet sacque, above which on a shelf were gray chinchilla muf and cufs. In her ears were gold rings with green stones. On the window-sill stood several empty phials, one of which was labelled "Tincture acouste." for the labels on the other phials had been torn of. A handketchler with the name torn of was found in the room, but no letters or memoranda of any kind were discovered which would lead to be identification. Evidently the unfortunate woman had taken particular pains that see should not be known. The remains were sent to the Morgue, where Deputy Coroner Leo to-day will hold a post-mortem examination. There remains he liftle doubt that the voung woman took her own life by means of poison. The mystery attending her death may be explained by the identification of the remains, should relatives come forward, as is expected.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

Amount of Awards for Property Taken for the New Boulevard. The readers of the HERALD have an opportunity

this morning to peruse a schedule of awards made to owners of property on Washington Heights, through which the new Boulevard, just surveyed designated by Messrs. Traphagen, McClave and Seaver, the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court, is intended to run. About onehalf of the sums granted to the proprietors for the land taken will have to be paid back for assess-ments. The other half is a tax upon the city. The following is a list of the awards recom-mended by the Commissioners:-

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The following sales occurred yesterday at the Real Estate Exchange:-

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

as Adventures of the American Brig Mary Celeste, of This Port-Found Deserted at Sea, Towed Into Gibraltar, Four Months-No Evidence of Mutiny or Robbery-Her Cargo and Insurance. Those who go down into the sea in ships encounter may remarkable adventures in their buffetings with wind and tide, but the brig Mary Celeste, owned by J. H. Winchester & Co., of this port, seems to have had a career something out of the line that usually befails the lot of tolling messengers of commercial intercourse. According to the pedigree given by the owners she was formerly a single-deck brig, called the Amazon, of Paisboro, Nova Scotia, and in November, 1868, arrived at this port a wreck and was sold at public auction by Messrs. Burdett & Denniss to Richard W. Haines, who repaired the vessel by putting in new keel, stern, sternposts, bottom and mostly new spars, rigging, sails, &c., at an expense of over ten thousand dollars, and, believing he was entitled to put his vessel under the American flag, he at that time applied through a ter, and obtained it in October, 1869. Ten months after she nad received her register she was again sold at auction for debt and bought by her present owners, who ran her until April, 1872. Later in Boston she was seized on account of her register, appraised by parties appointed by the government

New York, and was then torn down to her copper and rebuilt and made a double-decked vessel, at an expense of \$11,500. She then loaded on her present unfortunate voyage, and when she salied from New York was insured for \$14,000, valued at \$16.000."

The above is briefly a history of the vessel, which, on the 4th of December, was found abandoned by the British brig Glora Gratia, 500 miles east-north-east of the island of St. Mary's (one of the Western Islands), and bound into Gibraltar. The charges having been made that the owners had caused the vessel to be abandoned for the purpose of securing the insurance, a Herald reporter called upon Mr. Winchester yesterday, when he made the following statement:—

and bonded for \$2,000, which suit is still pending.

She went from Boston to Cow Bay and back to

the insurance, a Herald reporter caused upon Mf. Winchester yesterday, when he made the following statement:—

"There has been much said about a bloody sword having been found on board the vessel when she was picked up, and an intimation has been made that a mutiny occurred on the vessel. The lacts are that on the 24th of December, by request of the underwriters, I went to Gibraltar, where I found the vessel as tight and seaworthy as when she left this port, except that a few sails that had been left set had been carried away. The sword found on board proved to belong to the Captain, who got it years ago in Messina, Italy, with a spot of rust upon it. This I learn from Mr. simpson Hart, of New Bedford, who represents the one-third interest in the vessel, which the Captain, Ben S. Briggs, of Marion, Mass., holds. As far as my investigations went nothing on the vessel was disturbed. We found the clothing of the Captain, the Captain's watch hanging in the cabin. The vessel was evidently abandoned on the 28th of November, as the list entry in the logbook was at noon the day before. The last entry on the slate was at eight A. M. the following morning, when the vessel was passing the northern part of St. Mary's Island. I cannot account for her abandonment on any supposition. She was bound for Genoa with a cargo of alcohol, valued at \$37,000, belonging to Mes, Ackerman & Co., who, I learn, are partially insured in Hamburg companies. The Mary Celeste is insured for \$14,000 and is appraised at \$16,000. She is insured in the Mercantile Mutual for \$2,500, the Orient Mutual for \$4,000, the Maine Looyds for \$6,000 and the New England of Boston for \$1,500. Total, \$14,000. A despatch received from Gibraltar from the American Consul states that she sailed from that port for Genoa on the loth instant. This is all I know of the vessel; but the vessel being llegally cleared and sailing under

10th instant. This is all I know of the vessel; but the permit me to say that the published reports about the vessel being lilegally cleared and sailing under a false flag, which originated with a Custom House official, are base fabrications, as any one interested in the matter can discover by referring to the records of the Custom House and the officers of the companies in which we are insured."

The case is really a remarkable one, and the mystery is deepened by the fact that not a word has been heard from or of any of the officers or crew since the last entry in the log, nearly four months ago.

FIRES YESTERDAY.

At ten minutes to four o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out on the second floor of the three story brick building No. 406 East Twenty-sixth street, causing a loss of about five hundred dollars. The house was occupied by Smith, Baldwin & Co. varnish manufacturers. It is the property of Mr.

varnish manufacturers. It is the property of Mr. Deleyer, of 138th street, and was injured to the extent of \$2,000; insured.

At a quarter to three o'clock a fire occurred on the first floor of the two story frame building No. 37 Thompson street, which was extinguished by Officer Mober, of the Eighth precinct.

A fire occurred at ten o'clock yesterday morning in the apartments of Simeon Laks, 53 Ridge street. It was caused by children playing with matches. Damage slight.

A fire broke out yesterday in the one story frame building 530 West Fifty-fifth street that caused a damage of \$25. The place was used as a stable.

A sight fire occurred on the third floor of the building 102 Cedar street yesterday morning. It was caused through a child playing with matches.

A fire occurred yesterday about three o'clock in the five story brick building 649 Fifth street. It was caused by a pot boiling over. No damage. was caused by a pot boiling over. No damage

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Married.

ALNEY—DUNKLY.—On Tuesday, March 11, at the bride's parents', EDWIN R. ALNEY, Of New York, to EMMA J., youngest daughter of Leonard Dunkly, of Brooklyn.

CHANDLER—MILLIGAN,—In South Orange, N. J., at the First Presbyterian church, on Wednesday evening, March 12, 1873, by the Rev. John H. Worcester, Dr. William J. CHANDLER to JENNIE H. MILLIGAN, daughter of the late Gilbert M. Milligan, Esg. Esq.
GODLEY—FARNHAM.—On Thursday, February 27, 1873, at the Cornell Memorial church, by the Rev.
Frederick Brown. OSCAR GODLEY, of this city, to KITTLE E., daughter of Charles Farnham, Esq., of Owego, N. Y.

wego, N. Y. Owego (N. Y.) and Washington (N. J.) papers lease copy. Newbould—Clark.—On Thursday, March 13, at

the Lafavette avenue Presbyterian Church, Breok-lyn, by Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, George H. Newbould to Ellie A. Clark, all of Brooklyn. No cards. to ELLIE A. CLARK, all of Brooklyn. No cards.
SUMNER—SMITH.—On Thursday evening, March
13, by the Rev. H. M. Gallaher, Charles P. SUMNER to MARION W., daughter of isaac T. Smith.
VAN NAME—KNOX.—On Thursday, March 13, at
the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev.
Conant Sawyer, Paul M. Van Name, of Port Richmond, Staten Island, to Dorcas U., only daughter
of William S. Knox, of Bedford, Westchester
county.

ALZOMORA.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, March 14, of scarlet lever, William Wickes, son of Juan and Kate Alzomora, aged 4 years, 4 months and 22 days. The funeral will take place from their residence, 268 Cumberland street, on Sunday, the 16th, at two o'clock.

BUEL.—At Chester, Orange county, on Monday, March 10, of consumption. Phere J., wife of William P. Buel, Jr., aged 21 years and 10 months.

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COOLEDGE.—On Wednesday, March 12, Leila, youngest daughter of William P. and Susan Cooledge, in the 16th year of her age.

Funeral services will be held at 16 East Thirrieth street, on Saturday, March 15, at half-past twelve P. M. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. Her remains will be conveyed to Woodlawn Cemetery for interment. interment. Cox.—On Thursday, March 13, William Cox, in

COX.—On Inursuay, March 13, WILLIAM COX, in the 46th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, from his lateresidence, 206 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, the 16th inst., at two o'clock P. M., without further notice. further notice.

CURRIN.—The funeral of Mr. TIMOTHY CURTIN WILL take place this (Saturdan) cterin.—The inherat of Mr. Havint Central and take place this (Saturday) morning, at nine o'clock, from his late residence, 290 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn; thence to St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, corner of Fifth and Willow streets, Hoboken, N. J.

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CURTIS.—In this city, on Friday, March 14, 184BELLA H., whe of S. M. Curtis and daughter of John
Wikke, Esq.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 212 East Fourteenth street, on Monday, at
one P. M.

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CUSHMAN.—On Friday morning, March 14. Rose
CUSHMAN.—On Friday wife of Berman Cushman, CUSHMAN.—On Friday morning, March 14. Rose CUSHMAN, the beloved wife of Berman Cushman, aged 57 years and 3 months.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the luneral, from her late residence, 256 East Thirty-sixth street, at ten o'clock A. M., on sunday, March 16.

PALTON.—At Harlem, on Wednesday, March 12, 1873, Mary Ann Dalton, wife of the late Michael Dalton and eldest daughter of Henry and Mary Mulhare, in the 34th year of her age.

The friends of the lamily are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 1226 street, between Second and Third avenues, on Sunday next, March 16, at one o'clock.

Dalton.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, March 14, Michael Dalton, anative of the parish of Toomevar, county Tipperary, Ireland, aged 52 years and 7 months.

Relatives and Gionda aged 52 years and 7

Relatives and friends are requested to attend the funeral at his late residence, 509 Carroll street, South Brooklyn, on Sunday, March 16, at three o'clock P. M., to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross. DEITSCH.—On Thursday, March 13, JOSEPH DEITSCH, aged 37 years. The relatives and Friends of the family are re-

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late residence, 667 Third avenue, on Sunday, march16, at two o'clock P. M.

DEMAREST.—On Tuesday, March 11, of typhoid
fever, JACOB A. DEMAREST, of Rockland county,
aged 46 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invived toattend the funeral, from the Rejormed church,
Nyack, on Saturday, March 16, at one o'clock.

DIX.—At Rome, Italy, on Tuesday, March 11,
CHARLES TEMPLE DIX, youngest son of John A. DIX,
aged 36 years and 14 days.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DOYLE—On Friday, March 14, CATHARINE, the
beloved wife of Timothy C. Doyle, of Graigue,
county Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 39 years and 9
months.

The relatives and friends of the family are in-

months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 325 East Thirty-first street, on Sunday afternoon, March 16, at two o'clock.

GALE.—On Friday, March 14, MATILDA, wife of Hiram Gale. GALE.—On Friday, March 14, MATILDA, Whe of Hiram Gale.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence. No. 9 vandam street, on Sunday, March 16, at three o'clock P. M., without further notice.

GERARD.—On Thursday, March 13, WM. GERARD, eldest son of Sarah M. and the late Wm. GERARD, in the 37th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from 47 East Twenty-third street, on Sunday, March 16, at one o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

GOLDMAN.—On Thursday, March 13, Julia, beloved wile of Seligman Goldman, in the 32d year of her age.

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Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 247 East Fifty-third street, on Sunday, March 16, at ten o'clock A. M.

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The members of the Ladies' Bikwo Cholim Society are requested to attend the funeral of their late co-laborer in the noble works of charity, from her late residence, 247 East Fifty-third street, on Sunday, March 16, at 10 o'clock A. M.

GRAHAM.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, March 12, CONNELIUS GRAHAM, aged 77 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 38 Donglass street, this (Saturday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

GRHESSEL.—On Thursday evening, March 13, at seven o'clock, after a short and severe filness, BAR-ARAM, wife of John Griessel, aged 48 years, 8 months and 6 days.

The funeral will take place from her late resi-

BARA, wife of John Griessel, ageu 40 years, o Montagand 6 days.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, 317 East Houston street, on Sunday, March 16, at one o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends and the members of the New York Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., are respectually invited to attend.

GURLEY.—On Thursday, March 13, MARGARET L. GURLEY, widow of John A. Gurley, in the 73d year of her age.

of her age.
The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from the Second street Methodist Episcopal church, between avenues C and D, on Sunday afternoon, at halt-past one o'clock. HAMILTON.—On Wednesday, March 12 at White Plains, Westchester county, John R. HAMILTON, eldest son of George J. Hamilton, of this city, in the

S2d year of his age.

Funeral from the Memorial Methodist church of White Plains, at twelve o'clock M. on Saturday, the 15th Inst. Relatives and friends are respectively invited to attend. Trains leave Grand Central depot, Forty-second street, at 9:30 and 10:40

A. M. The members of Manhattan Lodge, F. and A. M.; The members of Manhattan Lodge, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; Westchester Commandery, No. 473, F. and A. M.; Westchester Commanders, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Commanders, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Commanders, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Commanders, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; White Plains Lodge, No. 473, F. and A. M.; Westchester Commanders, No. 473, F. and A.

IRISH.—On Thursday, March 13, at the residence of her brother, J. P. Fellows, HARRIET P. IRISH, late of Stamford, Conn.
Funeral this (Saturday morning, at eleven o'clock, at 146 West 125th street. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.
LOPER.—On Thursday, March 13, of pneumonia, ISAAC C. LOPER, in the 77th year of his age.
Funeral services to be preached at Sands street Methodist Episcopal clurch, on Sunday, March 16, at half-past one o'clock P. M.
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LLOYD.—At Newark. N. J., on Thursday, March.
13, Margaret LLOYD, in the 91st year of her age.
The funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James M. Loweree, 22 Centre street, Newark, N. J., on Monday, the 17th, at ten A. M. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.
LYONS.—On Thursday, March 13, Margaret LYONS, a native of Gost, county Galway, Ireland, aged 56 years.

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The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 577 Grand street, this (Saturday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

Manning.—At Plainfield, N. J., on Thursday morning, March 13, Miss Cordella Manning, in the 43d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of her brother, Samuel Manning, are invited to attend the funeral, at the First Baptist church, in Plainfield, on Saturday, March 15, at 2 o'clock P. M. MUNERET.—At Millord, Conn., on Friday, March 14, Margaret L. MUNERET, aged 79 years.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the services, at the residence of her son-in-law, A. M. Hepburn, at Milford, Conn., on Sunday, March 16.

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McCarthy.—Suddenly, on Friday, March 14,
Bernard McCarthy, aged 70 years.

Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper.

McDonald.—On Friday, March 14, Mary McDonald. aged 33 years, a native of the county
Cavan, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday
afternoon, March 16, at two o'clock, from her late
residence, 227 West Thirty-fifth street.

McGrath.—On Friday, March 14, Mary McGrath,
aged 100 years.

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The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Marcel'a Leavy, 629 Sixth avenue, on Sunday, at one o'clock P. M. precisely. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery,

Flatbush.

McGraffi.—On Thursday, March 13, Frank M., infant son of William J. A. and Henrietta McGrath, aged I year and 2 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the juneral, from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Benjamin D. Brush, No. 32 West Twenty-eighth street, on Sunday, March 16,

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West Twenty-eignth street, on Sunday, March 16,
at two o'clock P. M.
MCINTYRE.—On Wednesday, March 12, John T.
McINTYRE, son of Thomas and Anne McIntyre,
aged 21 years and 8 months.
The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the
residence of his parents. 88 Mulberry street, on
Sunday, 16th inst., at one o'clock precisely.
PENFIELD.—On Thursday, March 13, Mrs. ELIZA
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Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to
attend the funeral, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Parsons, 162 Adelphi street, Brookiyn, on Sunday, 16th inst., at two P. M.
PETTIBONE.—The luneral of George S. PETTIBONE
will take place from 37 Amity street, this (Saturday) afternoon, March 15, at one o'clock.
ROGERS.—In Brooklyn, on Friday morning, March
4, CHARLES ROGERS, in the 68th year of his age.
Notice of funeral nereafter.
RUSK.—On Friday, March 14, of heart disease,
Mary A. RUSK, wife of Thomas H. Rusk, aged 43
years.
Funeral from the residence of her father, Daniel

years.

Funeral from the residence of her father, Daniel Curtis, 606 Leonard street, Greenpoint, on Sunday, 16th instant, at two o'clock. Friends of the family

Curtis, 600 Leonard street, Greenpoint, on Sunday, 16th instant, at two o'clock. Friends of the lamily invited.

RYER.—At Newburg, N. Y., on Thursday, March 13, 1873, HENRY RYER, aged 58 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, this (Saturiday) afternoon, at two o'clock, from his late residence, Newburg, N. Y.

SCHETTLER.—In the city of Green Bay, Wis,, at the residence of her son, Frederick R. Schettler, on Thursday, March 6, Mrs. Carolina Louise SCHETTLER, a native of Heidenheim, Germany, in the 74th year of her age.

SEXTON.—On Thursday, March 13, Mary Ann, beloved wife of the late Michael Sexton, in the 45th year of her age, a native of Rossmore Adair, county Limerick, Ireland.

The funeral will take pince from her late residence, corner of New Bowery and James street. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, this (Saturday) afternoon, at hat-past one o'clock.

STAPFORN.—On Friday, March 14, after a long and severe liness, Hannah, the beloved wife of John Stafford, in the 39th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband. 134 East Thurteenth street, on Sunday, March 16, at lour o'clock F. M.

STEVVESANT.—On Thursday, March 14, after a long and sunday, March 16, at lour o'clock F. M.

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Relatives and friends are respectfully invited (without further notice) to attend the funeral, on St. Mark's church, corner of Second avenue and Stuyvesant street. Relatives will picase meet in chapel.

Tyson.—Of scarlet fever, on Thursday, March 13, Freddier, from 83 Taylor street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Saturday, March 16, at two o'clock P. M.

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Were — On Friday, March 14, 1873, at nine o'clock

M. Hoa Della Torne, daughter of Henry G. and
Mary Webb, ared 3 years, 7 months and 5 a.m.

Funeral services at the house 173 Nine a avenue;
on Sunday, at half-past twelve o'clock F. M. Remains to be taken to Fitsheld, Masy.

WILLOCK.—Suddenly, on Wednesday evening, March 12, James Willock, in the 35th year of his age.

Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, or Sanday, at one o'clock; from his mother's residence, 400 Sixth avelue.

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